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Robert C. Heinemann, Clerk 130 United States Courthouse 225 Cadman Plaza East Brooklyn, NY 11201-1818

Re: MDL No. 2120 -- IN RE: Pamidronate Products Liability Litigation

Dear Mr. Heinemann:

Attached as a separate document is a certified copy of a transfer order that the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation issued today in the above-captioned matter. The order is directed to you for filing. Rule 1.5 of the <u>Rules of Procedure of the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation</u>, 199 F.R.D. 425, 428 (2001), states "A transfer or remand pursuant to 28 U.S. C. § 1407 shall be effective when the transfer or remand order is filed in the office of the clerk of the district court of the transferee district."

Today we are also serving an information copy of the order on the transferor court(s). The Panel's governing statute, 28 U.S.C. §1407, requires that the transferee clerk "transmit a certified copy of the Panel's order to transfer to the clerk of the district court from which the action is being transferred [transferor court]."

Rule 1.6(a), pertaining to transfer of files, states "the clerk of the transferor district court shall forward to the clerk of the transferee district court the complete original file and a certified copy of the docket sheet for each transferred action." With the advent of electronic filing, many transferee courts have found that it is not necessary to request the original file. Some transferee courts will send their certified copy of the Panel order with notification of the newly assigned transferee court case number and inform the transferor courts that they will copy the docket sheet via PACER. Others may request a certified copy of the docket sheet and a copy of the complaint (especially if it was removed from state court). You should be specific as to the files you would like to receive from the transferor courts and if no files will be necessary, you should make that clear. Therefore, Rule 1.6(a) will be satisfied once a transferor court has complied with your request.

You may find Chapter 7 of Volume 4 of the <u>Clerks Manual</u>, <u>United States District Courts</u> helpful in managing the MDL docket.

The Panel Clerk's Office maintains the only statistical accounting of multidistrict litigation traffic in the federal courts. Therefore, we would appreciate your cooperation in keeping the Panel advised of the progress of this litigation. We are particularly interested in receiving the docket numbers assigned to each transferred action by your court; the caption and docket numbers of all actions originally filed in your district; and copies of orders regarding appointment of liaison counsel, settlements, dismissals, state court remands, and reassignments to other judges in your district.

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Your attention is also directed to Panel Rule 7.6, regarding termination and remand of transferred actions. Upon notification from your court of a finding by the transferee judge suggesting to the Panel that Section 1407 remand of a transferred action is appropriate, this office will promptly file a conditional remand order.

Attached to this letter, for your information, is a copy of the Panel Service List and a listing of the transferor court clerks with respect to this order.

Very truly,

Jeffery N. Lüthi Clerk of the Panel

Attachments (Transfer Order is a Separate Document)

Transferee Judge: Judge Kiyo Matsumoto cc:

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